WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

New medicines for HIV

*164 SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian scientists have developed more accurately prescribed medicines that shall work on patients infected with HIV;

(b) the details of such medicines and by when they are expected to be made available in the market and at what cost; and

(c) whether HIV can be eliminated?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) and (b) An Indian Pharmaceutical company has marketed a "one pill a day" combination of three antiretroviral drugs with a view to improve adherence to medicines. The tablet contains;

i) Tenofovir 300mg+
ii) Emtricitabine 200 mg+
iii) Efavirenz 600 mg

It is available in the market and costs Rs. 4500/- per patient per months.

(c) Presently available therapies cannot eliminate HIV from body.

Complaint registration facilities

†166. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the complaints and suggestions regarding this ministry are submitted through e-mail;

(b) whether it is also a fact that during the last one year, many complaints and suggestions have been registered on the e-mail address of various officers given on the Ministry's website; and

(c) if so, the number and nature of the suggestions and complaints received through e-mail and the action taken by Government with regard to every complaint and suggestion and if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.